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Applicant: Tadahiro OHMI et al.
Title: PLASMA PROCESSING APPARATUS
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT & ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2008, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, Claims 1-9, drawn to an apparatus.

Applicants also hereby elect Species a, Figures 1 and 2, for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 1-6 are readable on Species a.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141 and M.P.E.P. §821.04 (rejoinder).

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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